***CSSA STAGE 3 INTERMEDIATE #20* NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Exiles Return**

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*Read Ezra 1, 3-6*

***Who is Speaking to Whom & Fill in the Blanks? (KJV)***

*1. “The Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hath given me all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? his God be with him, and let him go up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem ” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* (1v \_\_ - \_\_)

*2. “And whosoever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in any place where he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, let the men of his place help him with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1v \_\_\_\_)

*3. “Let us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with you: for we seek your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as ye do; and we do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto him since the days of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ king of Assur, which brought us up hither.”* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4v \_\_\_\_)

*4. “Ye have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to do with us to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto our God; but we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord God of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, as king \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the king of Persia hath commanded us*.*” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* speaking to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (4v \_\_\_\_)

***Word Definition*** *(Look up the following words in a Strong’s Concordance to find out what they mean)*

5. Cyrus

6. Ezra

7. Jeshua

8. Jozadak

9. Zerubbabel

10. Shealtiel

11. Haggai

12. Zechariah

***Short Answer/Essay***

13. Explain Cyrus’ proposition to the Jews. *(1v1-4)*

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14. Why was Cyrus so kind to the Jews?

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15. Where in Jeremiah did he prophecy this would occur?

16. Did all Jews “have to” go back to Jerusalem?

17. Who went? *(1v5)*

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18. Why did these Jews go back and the others didn’t?

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19. What can we learn from this?

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20. What did Cyrus give? *(1v7-8)*

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21. Who did Cyrus entrust these things to? .

22. Who was Zerubbabel’s grandfather?

23. How many Jews left Persia to go back to Jerusalem? *(2v64)*

24. Consult a bible atlas. How many miles is it from Sushan to Jerusalem?

25. What are the first things Jeshua and Zerubbabel did when they returned to Jerusalem? *(3v1-6)*

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26. What part of the temple structure did the people build first? *(3v10-11)*

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27. Why were some Jews weeping and some shouting for joy when the foundation of the temple was laid? *(3v12-13)*

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28. Who were the adversaries? *(4v1-3)*

29. Why wouldn’t Jeshua and Zerubbabel let them help the Jews build the house of the Lord?

30. Describe what happened? *(4v24)*

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31. For how long did the work on rebuilding God’s house stop?

32. What did Haggai and Zechariah do? *(5v1)*

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33. How do we know what their prophecies were about?

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35. Who began to rebuild again? *(5v2)*

36. Who was Tattenai and what did he do? *(5v3-17)*

37. Who was now ruling in Medo Persia? *(6v1)*

38. What did they search for and what did they find? *(6v1-5)*

39. What did Darius tell Tattenai? *(6v6-7)*

40. What did Darius now decree? *(6v8-12)*

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41. On what day was the Temple finished? *(6v15)*

42. How long did it take from the time when they started laying the foundation until God’s house was finally completed?

43. Once the temple was dedicated what did the people do that year? *(6v19-22)*

44. When was the last time the people celebrated this feast as a nation?